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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 12 - HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, FOLLOW-UP
VIEWS OF UNEP DIRECTOR TOLBA

1. IN COVERSATION WITH UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA,
MINCOUN KITCHEN WAS TOLD FOLLOWING:

A) HE IS AT A LOSS TO KNOW HOW GA WILL DEAL
WITH POST-HABITAT FOLLOW-UP, PARTICULARLY THE INSTITUTIONAL
QUESTION.

B) HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT A POLL OF GC MEMBER STATES
COULD PROVIDE CONSENSUS GUIDANCE TO HIM IN TESTIFYING
BEFORE OR INTERVENING IN ECOSOC, AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
RESTRUCTURING, OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITSELF. AT THE
SAME TIME HE IS RELUCTANT TO GIVE HIS PRSONAL VIEWS
ON POST-HABITAT ISSUES.

C) HE IS PARTICULARLY HANDICAPPED IN DEVELOPING
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE IMPRECISE
WORDING OF THE HABITAT RESOLUTION INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-UP
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AND THE RELATION OF THE APPENDICES THERETO.

D) DEPENDING UPON VIEWS OF UNPOLLED MEMBERS OF
UNEP GC BUREAU, HE PLANS TO CONVENE A TWO-DAY MEETING
OF UNEP GC AT GENEVA PRIOR TO 31 ST GA TO DEAL SOLELY
WITH FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

2. COMMENT: IF THIS SPECIAL SESSION IS CONVENED,
THE US WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED
AT HABITAT IN ORDER TO SORT OUT AN ISSUE WHICH IS BEING
FURTHER COMPLICATED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INDECISION AND
SECRETARIAT MANEUVERING. DALE

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